Fast Track clearance scheme to export oriented units

4332. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has declared that the fast track clearance scheme, which seeks to expedite customs clearances to qualified EOUs, would be in operation within the next two to three weeks;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been incorporated in the Exim Policy 2002-07;

(c) whether the fast track clearance procedure for EOUs having status holders certificate shall be notified separately;

(d) if so, to what extent this fast track clearance scheme will be helpful to the exporters; and

(e) by what date it is likely to be announced and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (e) A Fast Track clearance Procedure for EOUs having status holder certificate under the Foreign Trade Policy was announced vide Public Notice No. 50/2004-09 dated 24th January, 2005 which is available at the DGFT website www.nic.in eximpol. The Scheme will facilitate the functioning of the performing EOUs by lowering transaction cost. The Scheme has been given effect to by the issuance of Customs Circular No. 12/2005-Custom dated 4.3.2005 by the Department of Revenue.

Export of meat

†4333. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of meat exported to other countries from India during the last year and the total amount earned through this export;

(b) whether Government propose to levy sales tax on this export of meat; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The total quantity and value of meat exported is as under:

Year	Quantity (in MTs)	Value (in Rs. crores)
2003-04	370466	1694
April-Sept.-04	157081	834

Source: APEDA/DGCI&S, Kolkata.

(b) and (c) Under the provision of the Central Sales Tax Act, no central sales tax is levied on the export of goods.

Export of rubber and rubber products

4334. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of rubber and rubber products produced in the country annually;

(b) what is the local consumption of rubber products in the country;

(c) what is the total value both in quantity and value of exports of rubber products for the last three financial years; and

(d) what steps are taken to increase the export of rubber products in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The total value of Rubber and Rubber Products produced in the country in 2003-2004 was about Rs. 30,000 crores.

(b) The value of local consumption of rubber products in the country is estimated as Rs. 27,000 crores.

(c) The total value both in quantity and value of exports of rubber products for the last three financial years is as under:—